

# *Chris Donlon*

Music Teacher, Whitman Elementary School

## *Educator of the Month*

April 2014

Chris is a masterful, caring orchestra and mariachi teacher. He is also an exemplary role model. Albert Einstein said, “The art of the teacher is to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.” Chris has awakened this joy in many students during his six years at Whitman. The orchestra has grown from 50 to 140 students!

Chris wants his students to be immersed in music daily, at home and at school. He works tirelessly with the School Improvement Advisory Council and Desert Sounds to provide instruments for each child.

His passion, inspiration, enthusiasm, encouragement and kindness promote the perfect climate for students to study, learn and grow as musicians. His contributions are immeasurable; his lessons and legacy, everlasting.

Thank you, Chris, for your dedicated service. We are pleased to honor you as a Mesa Public Schools Employee of the Month.

